

all the laws of this State applicable to such company. No note or notes received from any one person or firm shall be approved for a greater amount than five hundred dollars, nor unless the maker or makers thereof shall be approved by the Insurance Commissioner, or by the person or persons appointed by him for that purpose, as being pecuniarily good and responsible for the same; nor unless a policy be issued upon the same within thirty days after the granting of the license to begin business. Such notes shall be payable in part or in whole, at any time when the directors shall deem the same requisite for the payment of losses, or such incidental expenses as may be necessary for transacting the business of the corporation. No agreement or contract of insurance entered into, or policy issued thereunder, for the purpose of complying with these requirements, shall be for a shorter term than one year. If the President and Secretary of any mutual fire insurance company shall make a false oath relating to the certificate required by this section, they shall be guilty of perjury.

No mutual fire insurance company operating on the cash premium plan, nor any mutual fire insurance company with a guaranty capital of less than one hundred thousand dollars, either of which has become insolvent or has reinsured or cancelled its risks so that it has on its books less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars of insurance in force, not reinsured, in not less than one hundred separate risks in this State, shall make any further insurance until it shall have secured applications for policies which, together with the unreinsured risks in force, shall amount to not less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in not less than one hundred separate risks in this State, said applications to be subject to the same provisions of this section as apply to the subscriptions for insurance in a new company. Upon the filing of such applications with the Insurance Commissioner, he shall make such investigation as is necessary to verify the above, and upon finding that the law has been complied with, shall grant a new license to such company to issue policies.\*

1916, ch. 256, sec. 154M.

**154M.** Every such company shall adopt by-laws for its government, which shall fix the date of its annual meeting, shall specify the method of calling special meetings, shall state the number of directors and the terms for which they shall hold office and may provide for the division of its board of directors into two, three or four classes and the election thereof at its annual meetings in such manner that the members of one class only shall retire and their successors be chosen each year; shall state what officers, if any, other than president, secretary and treasurer may be chosen; shall provide for filling vacancies in any office and in the board of directors for the unexpired term; may

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\*The act of 1918, chapter 400, section 154AM. repeals all laws or parts of laws in conflict with said act of 1918, in so far as they are in conflict with said act.